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## **Press Release Announcement –August 28, 2009 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 23 Percent From Last Year**

On August 1, 2009, Arizona had 275,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 82,000 head from a year ago and down 12,000 head from last month. This is the lowest inventory since October 1, 2003. Placements totaled 25,000 head during July, a decrease of 12,000 head from a year ago. During July, the number of head marketed was 36,000, an increase of 1,000 head from last July.

On August 1, 2009, California had 450,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 65,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 45,000 head during July, the same as last July. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 53,000 head, an increase of 5,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.6 million head on August 1, 2009. The inventory was 2 percent below August 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.86 million, 13 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 455,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 458,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.93 million, 5 percent below 2008. This is the third lowest marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 43,000 during July, 4 percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of July since the series began in 1996.

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